

would appreciate that a test run time environment is not an operating system stored on the computer system. Finally, Claims 1, 11, 15, 19, and 22 claim, among other things, the diagnostic software being enabled to diagnose the computer system without using **an** operating system, not **any** operating system. As indicated in the specification (pg. 4, lns. 15-27 and pg. 5, lns. 1-2), the diagnostic software is enabled to diagnose the computer system when the operating system of the computer system is disabled. Such an operating system qualifies as "an operating system stored within the computer system" as claimed in the independent claims.

As previously mentioned, none of the cited prior art in previous office action teaches, suggests, nor provides motivation for being able to diagnose the computer system when the operating system of the computer system is disabled. In fact, the cited references teach away from this limitation, since they all teach using the operating system of the computer system to perform diagnostic tests.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the remarks set forth herein, the above rejections have been overcome. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 11, 15, 19, 22 are in condition for allowance.

As to any remaining combinations formed by dependant claims and not specifically addressed, applicant does not concede that they are anticipated or obvious. Rather, rejections of these claims are overcome since at least the base combination is not anticipated or obvious in view of the prior art. Consequently, applicant submits that there also can be no motivation shown in the art to form the additionally limited combination claimed in such dependent claims since the prior art does not anticipate nor make obvious the base combination.

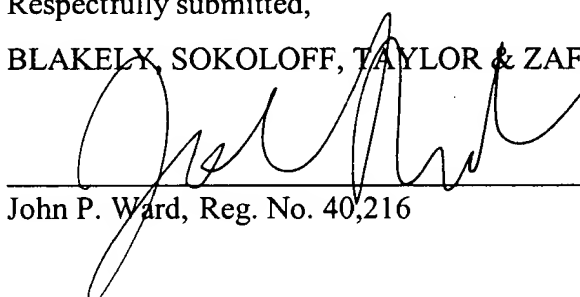
If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact John Ward at (408) 720-8300. Please charge any fees not covered by any checks submitted herewith to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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